GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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BENEFITS UNDER RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that benefits of different programmes being run under Rural Development Schemes are not reaching the targeted persons of the society;

(b) if so, the number of complaints received in this regard during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and scheme-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to check this practice and to punish the guilty officials?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a) The benefits of the Rural Development Schemes, in most of the cases, are reaching the targeted persons.

(b) However, the number of complaints received in this regard during the last three years and the current year, State-wise, in respect of Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) is given below :

Name of State	No. of complaints
Andhra Pradesh	1
Bihar	4
Orissa	1
Uttar Pradesh	3
Punjab	1

(c) With a view to ensure that the benefits of the rural development schemes reach the targeted persons, the Ministry has developed a comprehensive system of monitoring the implementation of the programmes including utilisation of funds through mechanisms such as regular visits to the field by officers of the Ministry of Rural Development, meetings of the Performance Review Committee, Periodic Progress Reports from State Government, Concurrent and Quick Evaluation of Programmes etc. Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have also been set up at State/District and Block levels. Minister of Rural Development has also been visiting various States for monitoring and supervising the programmes and impressing upon the need for effective and faster implementation of the Schemes. Involvement of people in the implementation of the Programmes is also encouraged. The State Governments and UT Administrations have been advised to implement the Four Pronged Strategy comprising creation of awareness about the Schemes, transparency, People`s participation and accountability-social audit through the Gram Sabhas to ensure achieving full targets with qualitative improvement in the implementation of Rural Development Programmes.

The complaints are referred to the States (which are the Implementing Agencies) for enquiry and appropriate action.